

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	23 July 2013
Title:	Armed Forces Enterprise Centre
Reference:	5000
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval is given to provide a start up grant fund of £160,000 to WSX Enterprise to contribute to their aim of creating and managing a successful enterprise centre at Mandora Officers Mess, Aldershot.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment, to finalise conditions attached to the grant to ensure that funding is linked to completion of the scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To promote economic growth and job creation in the Aldershot Urban Extension development by enabling the private sector to create flexible, affordable business space (an enterprise centre) in an otherwise redundant building.
- 2.2. To enable support to be provided to ex-service personnel to set up in business as they leave HM Forces, helping to create sustainable employment and to generate new jobs.

3. Other options considered and rejected

- 3.1. To provide no grant funding for the project, which would mean the project would not take place.
- 3.2. To grant the money to the Ministry of Defence department's Defence Infrastructure Organisation and not the operator. This is rejected because the start up support is most effectively granted directly to the operator and

leaseholder, enabling the grant to be used to enhance the offer to future business tenants.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	